GOP Official Quits; Denies Anti-Semitism

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The Republican National Committee confirmed yesterday that Dr. Joseph Pauco has resigned as a controller of a Republican ethnic organization after complaints from the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

Lyn Nofziger, the committee's communications director, said that Pauco, of Middleton, Pa., was one of four controllers of the National Republican Heritage Groups Council, described as a volunteer organization of representatives of GOP nationality and ethnic groups.

About two weeks ago a columnist (Jack Anderson) said that Pauco was editor of a paper in his native Slovakia under a puppet Nazi regime. The Anti-Defamation League criticized him for allegedly being anti-semitic.

In a letter to the national committee, Pauco spoke of the "untrue allegations against me" and said he twice had been cleared of such charges. Pauco is a naturalized U.S. citizen.